

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An agent~~ A method for improving depression-like symptoms, which comprises:

administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of D-ribose.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~agent~~ method for improving depression-like symptoms according to claim 1, wherein the depression-like symptoms are hypobulia, general fatigue, sluggishness, enervation, deterioration in concentration, memory impairment, abnormal sensation/obtundation such as impaired sight, decline in thinking power, indefinite complaint, drop in operation efficiency, or feeling of malaise.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~agent~~ method for improving depression-like symptoms according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the depression-like symptoms are depression-like symptoms accompanied by mental overstrain or mental disorder.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~agent~~ method for improving depression-like symptoms according to claim 1 or 2, which comprises administering D-ribose in an amount of 10 mg to 100 g per day for an adult.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~agent~~ method for improving depression-like symptoms according to claim 1 or 2, which further comprises administering at least one of a magnesium salt, an amino acid and carnitine.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~agent~~ method for improving depression-like symptoms according to claim 1 or 2, which further comprises administering potassium magnesium aspartate.

7. (Original) A composition, which ~~comprises D-ribose together with~~ comprises:  
D-ribose; and  
at least one of a magnesium salt, an amino acid and carnitine.

8. (Original) A food or drink for improving depression-like symptoms, which comprises D-ribose.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An agent~~ A method for improving mental fatigue, which comprises:  
administering to a subject in need thereof and effective amount of D-ribose.